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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1740**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mark R. Holl et al.  
Application No. : 09/723,823  
Filed : November 28, 2000  
For : SAMPLE ANALYSIS INSTRUMENT

Examiner : Samuel P. Siefke  
Art Unit : 1743  
Docket No. : 660117.423C2  
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one (1) month, to expire on February 23, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.